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Healing the divide

ALPACT holds forum discussing systemic racism, law enforcement reform

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

Steve Meridy sees the recent movement for racial equality as an opportunity for the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph communities to look at their respective judicial systems.

The Benton Harbor resident was among 64 participants who were present for a virtual meeting Tuesday night regarding community relations in the wake of the countless number of protests and rallies that occurred following the death of George Floyd in Minnesota.

"The judicial systems have been directly abusive to the Black man," Meridy said. "Growing up in the city, there were police officers who knew me by name. Not because I ever committed a crime, but because of the people I knew. We need to look at the disparity between St. Joe and Benton Harbor. This is the greatest opportunity to move swiftly as it relates to redeveloping the Benton Harbor and St. Joseph area."

Several residents and leaders through the Twin Cities and Southwest Michigan asked questions and spoke up on ways to explore how Floyd's death is relevant to Berrien County and law enforcement agencies.

Berrien County ALPACT, an organization which stands for Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust, and the Interfaith Action Group, a diverse group of faith-based organizations devoted to social justice, teamed up for the forum.

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SOCIALLY DISTANT SAILING

Don Campbell / HP staff

Students with the St. Joseph Junior Foundation sailing program practice in the St. Joseph River, across from the Inn at Harbor Shores, Tuesday morning. For the last 68 years, the SJJF has offered youth sailing classes for beginner to advanced students ages 8-18. Classes have resumed this summer after plans were developed to ensure the safety of children and adults due to COVID-19.

Republicans propose $1.3B plan to reopen schools

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Republicans who control the Michigan Legislature on Tuesday proposed a $1.3 billion plan to help K-12 schools reopen during the coronavirus pandemic, saying districts should have flexibility to start when they want and to offer remote instruction as an alternative if necessary.

The one-time funding, including an $800 per-pupil increase to address new costs related to COVID-19, would come from $3 billion in federal relief. Teachers would get a $500 bonus.

Uncertainty remains because the state's school aid fund is $1.2 billion short this fiscal year and $1.1 billion below what was expected next budget year due to tax declines from the monthslong lockdown. Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is pushing Congress for flexibility to use bailout money to fill the holes and for an additional round of funding.

But Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey said GOP lawmakers put a proposal on the table now because superintendents and principals "need clarity sooner rather than later." Their fiscal year starts next week.

While schools typically begin in late August or early September, some with year-round calendars start earlier. The governor previously issued an order giving schools flexibility to resume before the day after Labor Day without needing a state waiver.

The Republican plan calls for requiring in-person instruction for grades K-5 at a minimum, redefining "attendance" to allow for online learning without reducing schools' funding and cutting the number of snow day allowances from six to two so remote instruction occurs instead. Districts would work with local health departments on safety requirements for schools, sports and extracurricular activities. They also would do initial benchmark testing to assess if students need additional attention.

Rep. Pamela Hornberger, a Chesterfield Township Republican who chairs the House Education Committee, said the funding would provide immediate "stability" until legislators can further assess the coronavirus' budget impact and plan future K-12 funding.

"Nobody knows what the fall is going to look like. But we are committed to getting our kids back in the fall," said Sen. Lana Theis, a Brighton Republican and chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee. "That's going to look different district to district. ... If you're in Marquette, that's going to look very different than what school would probably look like in Grand Rapids or Detroit. Our schools need the flexibility that they don't currently have in that environment to be able to provide an education."

Schools were closed in March due to COVID-19 and later finished the academic year with remote instruction that in many cases was minimal. Whitmer is expected next week to issue an order outlining minimum safety standards for schools she hopes can reopen for in-person instruction as long as cases do not surge again.

Spokeswoman Tiffany Brown said it is "encouraging" to see Republicans acknowledge the importance of education funding but called it "disheartening" that the plan is a "copy" of a proposal from Great Lakes Education Project, a school choice group co-founded years ago by U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos.

Education organizations were generally receptive to the GOP plan, however.

"It doesn't solve the $3.3 billion in shortages schools are facing this fall, but it's a solid start to that discussion," said Bob McCann, executive director of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, which represents K-12 superintendents in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. He said there is "a lot to like" about the proposal, and he is hopeful districts can work with Republicans so they get the resources and flexibility they need.

Shirkey said the $1.3 billion would help fill in some "unknowns" facing schools related to coronavirus costs they incurred at the end of the most recent academic year and will confront while preparing for the next school year. "How that reconciles within specific school budgets has yet to be determined," he said.

After lawmakers adjourn this week, they will not return to session until July 21 at the earliest – around when Congress may consider relaxing how states can spend rescue funds and if additional aid should be approved.

BENTON HARBOR AREA SCHOOLS

Trustees look over 2020-21 budget

On track to be approved, with minor changes, next week

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor Area Schools is moving in the right direction during these uncertain times, Superintendent Andrae Townsel said after Tuesday's budget hearing.

"Things are going well ... and we're doing everything we can to ensure the longevity and the revitalization of Benton Harbor Area Schools," he said.

All school districts are facing more than the usual number of unknowns as they race to approve their 2020-21 school year budgets by next Tuesday, and Benton Harbor Area Schools is no exception.

"The goal is to be as frugal as we can and be as efficient as possible," Townsel said. "We're just looking forward to leadership from our (state) legislature to see what direction we're going in."

State revenues are down due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the reduced business activity as people stayed home to slow the spread of the disease. This means that state legislators are mulling having to reduce the per pupil funding for not only the 2020-21 school year, but for the current one.

Finance Director Scott Johnson told Benton Harbor school board trustees during their budget hearing Tuesday that he calculated in a $500 reduction in per pupil revenue and a loss of 50 students. On the plus side, he said the budget includes $1.25 million from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which was signed into law by President Donald Trump on March 27.

But trustees disagreed with the assumption in the budget that the district would sell $800,000 in surplus property in the 2020-21 school year.

President Joseph Taylor said that over the past few years, future money from the sale of surplus property has always been put into the budget, but has never happened at the amount predicted.

"I think it's good to have but then it's like, is it real?" he said.

They approved a resolution put forward by Trustee Darwin Watson to drop that amount to $300,000. Watson said that if more property is sold, it can always be added into the budget later.

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Woman bound over for trial in alleged arson case

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Juan Mercado Sr. told a Berrien County judge Tuesday that he and his wife usually leave for work at about 9:30 p.m.

But the night of March 25, they were still home after 10 p.m. when he saw flames outside. He said he ran out to look, and the corner of his family's home was on fire.

He, his wife, his four children and his brother-in-law all got out safely and Mercado was able to put the fire out with a garden hose, but the home at Spring Lake mobile home park on West John Beers Road in Stevensville was damaged.

Mercado testified in Berrien County Trial Court during the second day of a preliminary hearing for Jessica Mercado-Rodriguez, 27, of Dayton, Ohio. She is his sister, and is in the Berrien County jail accused of setting the fire. In earlier testimony, a nephew said she told him she was targeting the children, who range in age from 4 to 13.

Judge Gary Bruce bound Mercado-Rodriguez over for trial on one count of second-degree arson and four counts of attempted murder. She faces up to life in prison if convicted as charged.

Her lawyer, Tat Parish, objected to the bind-over and had earlier argued a motion that the preliminary hearing should have been postponed. Mercado-Rodriguez appeared at both days of the hearing by video from the jail. That is how most defendants are appearing as the court has restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic. Parish said the hearing should have been adjourned to a later date or his client should be in the courtroom where he can confer with her.

Bruce said the order to conduct court appearances remotely as much as possible was handed down from the state Supreme Court and must be followed.

At the first day of the hearing last week, Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Eric Dark called Royalton Township Police Officer Todd Hopke who testified that the scene smelled of gasoline and he found a cigarette lighter on the ground near the trailer.

A neighbor testified that her mobile home has a motion-activated security camera and the events of the night were captured on video. Dark has submitted the video as evidence in the case.

Also last week, the judge

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Sid Mohn, director of Interfaith Action Group, said Tuesday's session was coordinated as a listening session.

Afterward, Mohn said they will consolidate themes and concerns that were heard in two to three weeks. A summary of those concerns will be provided as the two organizations will form working groups to address the problems.

"We recognize that racism is not restricted to law enforcement, but that this shows up in a aspect of community life, housing, education, employment, health care as well as law enforcement and community safety," Mohn said. "This forum is open to your comments, your concerns and recommendations around racism in its multiple expressions."

St. Joseph City Commissioner Laura Goos said the city has begun looking at internal policies and are taking suggestions into account.

"I want to see us address the history between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, which has had a difficult relationship over the past decades," Goos said. "I'm looking for how we might heal the divide and the perception of the relationship in our communities because there are so many people who want to work toward that."

Berrien County Commissioner Mamie Yarbrough said Benton Harbor needs to first work with getting along with itself first.

She said the same can be said for St. Joseph.

"We need to fix our own house. I was born here, lived here all my life," Yarbrough said. "There were things going on in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph in the 1950s that many people were unaware of. There were places we could not go, clothes we could not wear, meals we could not eat."

Benton Harbor City Commissioner Sharon Henderson said the county structure has not benefited Black people.

She said she feared every time her sons would leave the house because of law enforcement.

"I am always concerned about their safety. I'm always fearful of what could happen to them," Henderson said. "Whenever I go into a county building, I don't see anyone who looks like me. Until we are able to do that, we have to fix that. We are over policed and completely underfunded."

The comment section of the forum was lively as many participants who didn't speak chose to give input in this alternative format.

Several participants spoke about how defunding the police didn't mean getting rid of law enforcement, but diverging some of the funding toward community-focused programs.

Other topics included the culture of policing, alternatives to school of choice, and how police unions haven't held certain law enforcement accountable.

While some residents asked what they could do, Benton Township resident Barbara Meeks said one person can't take care of the whole problem.

"We can't go back 400 years," Meeks said. "There are always precautions you have to take when you are a Black male. Together, we need to put systems in place to help teach others."

Mary Jo Schnell, executive director of The OutCenter of Southwest Michigan, said all white people have a debt to pay.

"For the injustices of people of color, our leadership is two-fold and sometimes seemingly conflicting because we have access to influence and privilege," she said.

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heard from Carlos Ramirez. He said Mercado-Rodriguez, his aunt, came to where he and his mother live at Spring Lake mobile home park the night of March 25 and said "I killed your uncle." Ramirez testified that she said she set fire to his house because Mercado's wife had been flirting with her husband, and she wanted to hurt his children.

"She said if my mom didn't help her hide she was going to hurt my mom," Ramirez testified. He said he ran to see if Mercado and his family were OK, then ran back and held Mercado-Rodriguez down until police arrived.

Under cross examination by Parish, witnesses testified that Mercado-Rodriguez appeared to be drunk or drugged the night of the incident.

Bruce set trial for Jan. 26-29, 2021. Mercado-Rodriguez is being held on a $1 million bond.

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Michigan

Poker Lotto
QC-KC-8D-5H-10S
Midday Daily 3
4-4-5
Midday Daily 4
1-5-1-7
Daily 3
0-9-3
Daily 4
3-5-2-6
Fantasy 5
05-10-11-16-28
Keno
05-06-11-15-21-23-26-27-31-32-36-39-41-43-55-56-60-61-69-73-75-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$35 million
Powerball jackpot
$33 million

Monday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
03-05-20-28-34
Cash4Life
07-14-46-48-58, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
05-08-15-19-31-36-37-44-46-48-49-52-56-57-58-59-62-64-71-78, BE: 57
Daily Three-Midday
1-8-1, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
4-2-3, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
0-4-4-1, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
9-9-1-1, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
03-09-11-13-24-25-26-37-44-48-55-56-57-65-67-69-70-71-75-78, BE: 57

Illinois

Lotto
01-08-10-24-35-46, Extra Shot: 5
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-07-23-33-44
Pick Three-Midday
9-0-5, Fireball: 7
Pick Three-Evening
5-9-1, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
9-7-7-6, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Evening
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South Haven Police warn about fireworks laws after grass fire

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — With the 4th of July holiday just around the corner and fireworks stands sprouting up around town, South Haven Police are reminding area residents of the laws concerning proper use of pyrotechnics.

The warning comes after a grass fire broke out below a portion of the Monroe Boulevard bluff last Thursday.

A local resident, Rosalie Plechaty said she heard the fireworks.

"I came outside to personally talk to them but they sped off and then I saw the fire," she said.

First responders from both South Haven Area Emergency Services and South Haven Police Department arrived quickly and got the fire under control before it spread.

"Fortunately that's the only one we've had to deal with," said South Haven Area Emergency Services Fire Chief Brandon Hinz this week.

But even with Monday evening's rainfall, he's worried about the ongoing dry conditions the South Haven area has dealt with over the past couple of weeks.

"It's getting super dry outside and I don't see any substantial rain in the forecast," Hinz said.

Not only do fireworks pose a danger due to the dry weather conditions, they themselves can be dangerous, according to South Haven Police Chief Natalie Thompson.

"The law allows citizens to use 'consumer fireworks,'" Thompson noted in a recent news release. "Examples of these are firecrackers, bottle rockets, and roman candles. We ask all citizens using these fireworks to use extreme caution due to high risks of injuries."

Even though Michigan law only allows fireworks to be ignited during certain times and dates, a number of booms have been heard going off in the evening over the past week, but complaints about them remain low so far, according to Thompson.

"We haven't noticed any increase in calls recently regarding fireworks complaints," she said Monday.

However, with the cancellation of the Light Up the Lake fireworks show in South Haven, July 3, due to the record-high water level on Lake Michigan, she anticipates more people will have their own displays.

"I'm sure there will be more fireworks use on private properties over the July 4th holiday and I also expect many to travel to watch displays in cities elsewhere that don't have the high-water issues we have here," Thompson said.

According to Michigan law the only dates and times that consumer fireworks can be shot off on private property are:

- 11 a.m. New Years Eve to 1 a.m., New Year's Day
- 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday preceding Memorial Day
- 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. June 29 to July 4, and July 5 only if that date is a Friday or Saturday (this year it is not)
- 11 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. the Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day

South Haven Police are also reminding people that it is illegal for a person to discharge fireworks on public, school, church or private property without permission from the owner. That includes all public parks and beaches in South Haven. People who are caught doing so can face up to a $1,000 fine.

A WINDY TUESDAY

Don Campbell / HP staff

A kiteboarder takes advantage of Tuesday morning's windy conditions near the St. Joseph lighthouses.

Interfaith Action launches community program on the theology of migration

By HP STAFF

A nine-part series on the theology of migration will start at 6 p.m. Tuesday, sponsored by the Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan.

Christine Sauve, director of Welcoming Michigan, will present an overview of what a welcoming community looks like, according to a news release.

A three-part series on this topic was canceled earlier in the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Information on how to attend each session will be posted on the group's website, www.swmichinterfaith.org, and Facebook page. When permitted, the series will start meeting in person.

The series is cosponsored by the Berrien Immigrant Solidarity Network.

At 6 p.m. July 29, an assessment of the different faith traditions on migration will be presented by Dr. Clark Gilpin, dean emeritus of the University of Chicago Divinity School and a Southwest Michigan resident.

"Stories of migration are a key component of our spiritual traditions and therefore become a key aspect of our spiritual identity," Gilpin said in the news release.

The Rev. Darlene Kuhn, pastor at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Harbert, said people of faith have always welcomed the foreigner.

"This hallmark was also adopted by the United States with the powerful symbol of the Statue of Liberty," she said in the news release. "It's important that we learn about our faith traditions on migration and migrants."

The Rev. Leo Cartagena, pastor of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Buchanan and St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Berrien Springs, encourages participation in this series.

"People of faith have been shaped by journeys of migration, beginning with the Exodus," he said in the news release. "It's important that we learn what current experiences of migration can teach us."

Other topics include:

- September: "Has the US Worn Out its Welcome? What do we need to know going into the November election?"
- October: "Migrants – Our Neighbors." Session A – book discussion on "Tell Me How It Ends by Valeria Luiselli," led by Tatiana Reinoza, associate professor, Notre Dame University. Session B on "Harvest Home Interfaith Service."
- November: "Syria – A Global Case Study." Session A – book discussion on "We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria" by Wendy Pearlman. Session B – Discussion with Shadi Martini, executive director, Multifaith Alliance for Syria.
- January: "Refugee Festivals of Faith: Epiphany, Passover, Hijra"
- March: "Climate Migrants."

Artists paint BLM murals in Battle Creek

BATTLE CREEK (AP) — A festival in southwest Michigan has organized a Black Lives Matter mural project to ignite the community's creative spirit in support of social justice.

Color the Creek, Michigan's First Street Art Festival since 2016, is an event in Battle Creek capped with day-long live mural painting, live screen-printing, DJs, and local vendors.

Amid nationwide protests following the death of George Floyd, a handcuffed Black man who died in police custody in Minneapolis, Color the Creek festival founder Justin Andert wanted to give a space for artists to elevate their calls for social justice.

Local and regional artists gathered over the weekend to create 10 large-scale murals that included portraits, words and abstract patterns, according to the Battle Creek Enquirer. At the edge of the wall are the names of Black individuals whose lives were taken prematurely, under the phrase "say their names."

"Artwork is a great way to create visibility and representation for folks," said Justin Andert, Color the Creek festival founder. "It's really to create that connection for people as they're going about the community, to see things they can relate to, or to recognize things that are happening in the world."

Andert and his team brought the Black Lives Mater project to life in only 10 days; he usually spends six months preparing for the festival.

Vania Word, a Battle Creek native, says she was "ecstatic" when Andert asked her to contribute a piece to the wall.

"The Black Lives Matter movement is extremely important, it's something that is at the forefront of everyone's lives right now, and being a Black artist, why not?" Word said.

Other artists who contributed to the wall are Jamari Taylor, Teaira Gray, Mariah Compton, Tylan Davis, Jaziel Pugh, Gerald King, Art Solis, Branden Redmond, Elisha Hodge, Wren Herring, Tailored Truth, Sintex and Jars.

Community, police forum set for Friday

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A forum to discuss ways policies can be changed to stop systemic racism in Berrien County will be at 6 p.m. Friday in the parking lot of the Berrien County Courthouse in St. Joseph.

"We've marched in both cities (of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor) and across the bridge, and we're going to continue to march," said Gwen Swanigan, the sponsor of the forum through the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation. "Now it's time to come to the table and get some questions answered and some solutions to the pollution of what's been going on with our policing."

She said law enforcement leaders from both cities will be at the Berrien County Community and Police Forum to answer questions.

"We want to hear how they're going to change the policies and procedures and hold them to a higher accountability to getting this change done," she said. "We're not just going to be talking. Before we get up from that table Friday evening, we want some things put in place, some timelines, ... on how the change is going to happen."

She said chairs will be placed 6 feet apart and participants are asked to wear face masks to slow the spread of COVID-19.

"Enough is enough," she said. "Our Black lives matter."

More information can be found on the "Berrien County Community and Police Forum For Justice" event page on Facebook.

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Lincoln Twp. library launches virtual summer reading program

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lincoln Township Public Library launched its summer reading program to its patrons last week with one major change.

Due to COVID-19 safety concerns, the library is running this summer's program in a virtual format.

"Though things are much different this year, the library will always be here for the community to encourage reading and lifelong learning for all ages," said Brian Johnston, adult services librarian. "Offering online programs will help us to connect with new audiences and reach our patrons, while allowing them to stay safe."

To participate, patrons can visit www.lincolnlib.org/srp2020 where they can register for the program. Patrons are encouraged to download the free Beanstack app, which will allow them to participate in the program on their mobile devices.

Patrons of all ages will earn prizes for completing five to 20 hours of reading.

Prizes come from the library, the Friends of the Library organization, Pizza Hut, Culver's, Dairy Queen, Full Circle Cafe, Mr. Goody's, Phillips 66 in Baroda, Red Coach Donuts and Hershey's.

Patrons will also have the ability to post book reviews to share with staff and other patrons.

The program began June 15 and runs through July 31.

In addition, the library is offering virtual programs for all ages this summer.

For children, these will include the WonderReader Magic Show on July 9 and Storybook STEAM on Zoom from the Air Zoo on July 23, along with ongoing virtual story times.

Adult events include Larry Martin's WWII In Their Own Words on June 29, UFOs Over Michigan on July 20, and Manitou Mysteries Shipwreck Adventure on July 27.

Registration is required for these events.

Funding for the reading program was provided through donations from the Friends of the Library and the Sanders family.

For more information or to sign up for programs, call 429-9575 or visit www.lincolnlib.org.

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IN BRIEF

Man allegedly shoots gun in occupied home

SOUTH HAVEN — A 21-year-old Covert man is in Van Buren County Jail after allegedly shooting a gun at a home, occupied by people, in South Haven Township Tuesday morning.

The incident was reported at about 2 a.m. in the 21000 block of M-140 Hwy., according to a news release from the South Haven Police Department.

The residence had been struck by gunfire "numerous" times, according to police, however no one inside the home suffered injuries.

When police were called to the home, Sgt. Adam DeBoer saw a vehicle leaving the scene at a high rate of speed. He stopped the vehicle a short distance away, conducted a search of the vehicle and found firearms and ammunition consistent with the spent ammunition recovered at the scene, according to the news release.

Police did not release the man's name. Charges are pending from the Van Buren County Prosecutor's office.

COVID-19 active cases unchanged Tuesday

Berrien County added three new COVID-19 cases and three new recoveries Tuesday.

There are now 696 cumulative cases and 605 total recoveries.

The county still has 60 deaths and Spectrum Health Lakeland is still treating two COVID-19 patients.

Van Buren County gained no cases Tuesday, while Cass County gained two. No new deaths were reported in either county.

Cass County now has 113 cumulative cases.

Local COVID-19 numbers and information are updated daily at www.bchdmi.org/COVID19, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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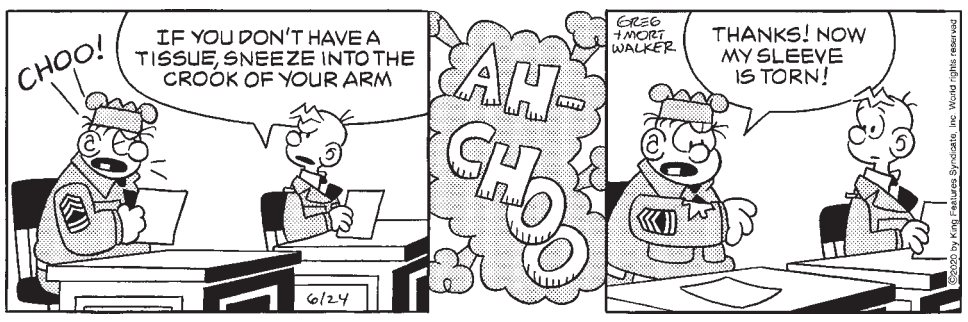
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IF YOU DON'T HAVE A TISSUE, SNEEZE INTO THE CROOK OF YOUR ARM
AH-CHOO
GREG + MORT WALKER
THANKS! NOW MY SLEEVE IS TORN!
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BLONDIE

WE'RE PLANNING A FOURTH OF JULY FAMILY REUNION
WE'RE EVEN GOING TO HAVE OUR OWN FIREWORKS
YEP, THAT'S WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS WHEN OUR FAMILIES GET TOGETHER
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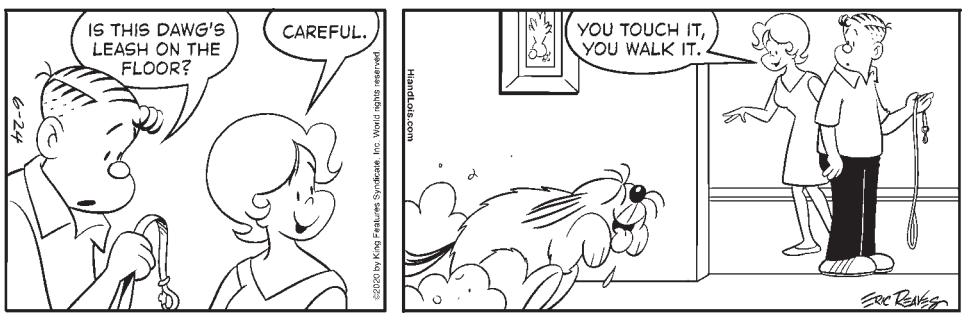

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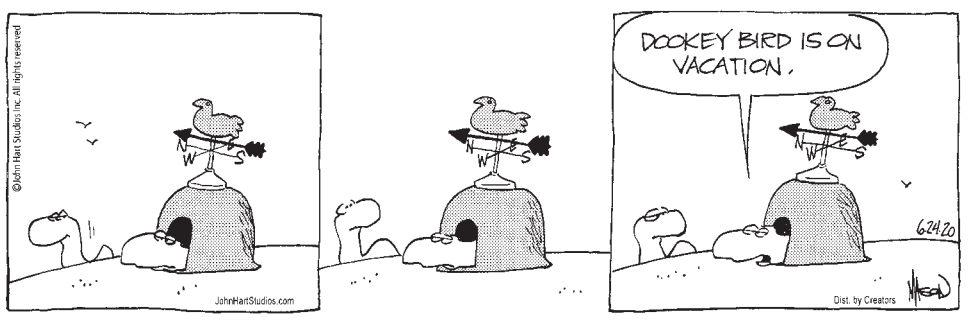

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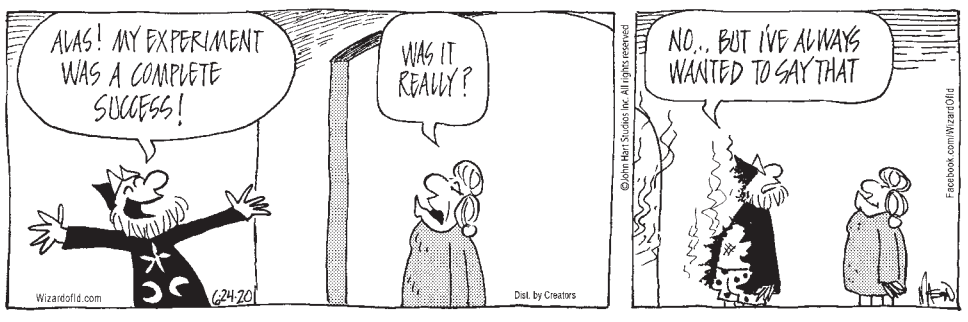

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WHAT KIND OF WORK DO GENERALISTS DO?
YOU JUST SAW IT.

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YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP!
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GARFIELD
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ANOTHER STIMULATING DINNER CONVERSATION ABOUT THE TENNIS BALL

FORT KNOX

NEVER FEAR! I'M HERE TO HELP YOU TAKE CARE OF THE BOYS.
THANKS, MOM.
CALL FOR HELP
I'VE NEVER BEEN ALONE WITH THE BOYS, SO THIS IS ALL NEW TO ME.
HYDE the KIDS
IT'S OKAY... I HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS.
WHAT DO I DO TO KEEP THEM SAFE?
ASKING for a FRIEND
LOCK THEM IN THEIR ROOMS.
THROW AWAY KEY
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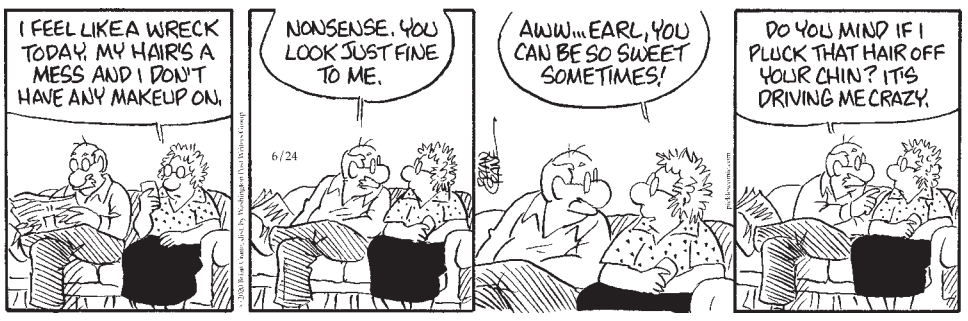
I FEEL LIKE A WRECK TODAY. MY HAIR'S A MESS AND I DON'T HAVE ANY MAKEUP ON.
NONSENSE. YOU LOOK JUST FINE TO ME.
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AWW... EARL, YOU CAN BE SO SWEET SOMETIMES!
DO YOU MIND IF I PLUCK THAT HAIR OFF YOUR CHIN? IT'S DRIVING ME CRAZY.

FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

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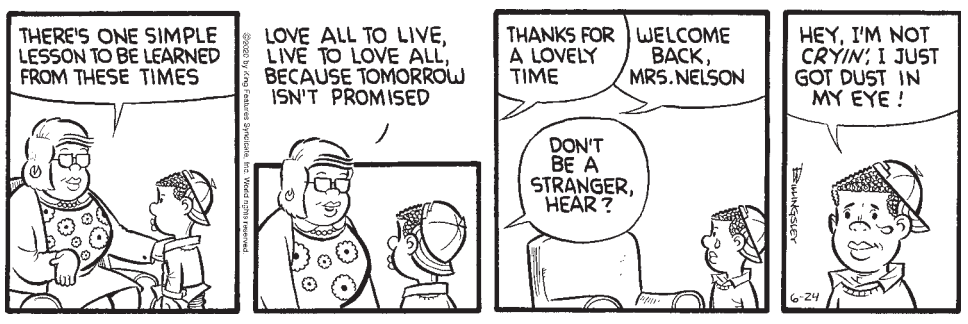
THERE'S ONE SIMPLE LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM THESE TIMES
LOVE ALL TO LIVE, LIVE TO LOVE ALL, BECAUSE TOMORROW ISN'T PROMISED
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THANKS FOR A LOVELY TIME
WELCOME BACK, MRS. NELSON
DON'T BE A STRANGER, HEAR?
HEY, I'M NOT CRYIN'; I JUST GOT DUST IN MY EYE!
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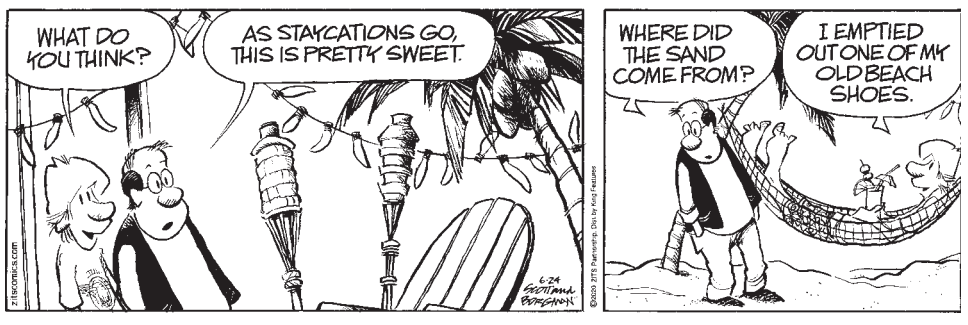
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
AS STAYCATIONS GO, THIS IS PRETTY SWEET.
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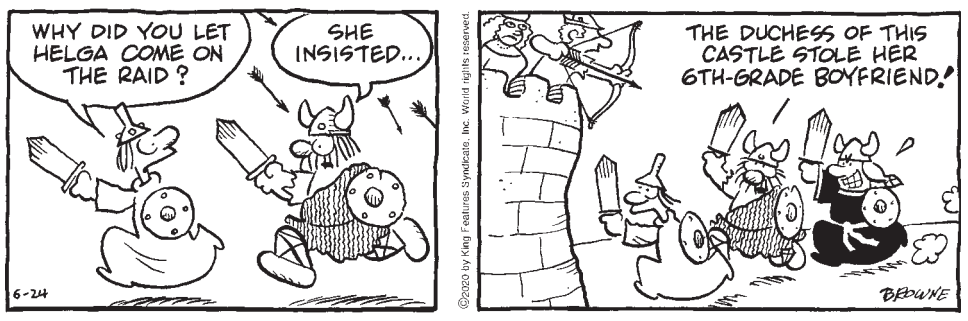
WHERE DID THE SAND COME FROM?
I EMPTIED OUT ONE OF MY OLD BEACH SHOES.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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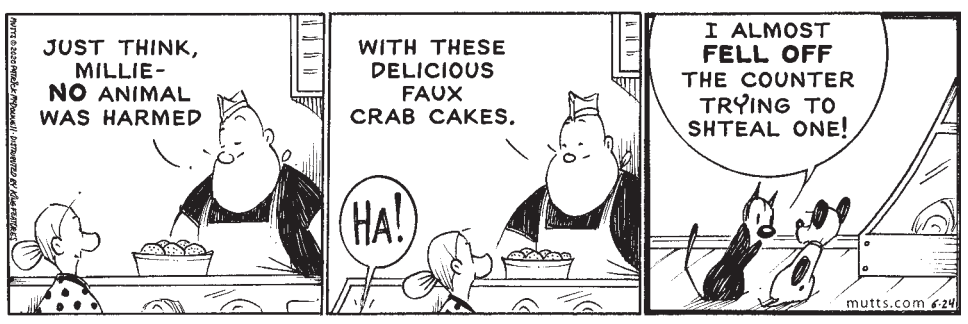
JUST THINK, MILLIE- NO ANIMAL WAS HARMED
WITH THESE DELICIOUS FAUX CRAB CAKES.
HA!
I ALMOST FELL OFF THE COUNTER TRYING TO SHTEAL ONE!
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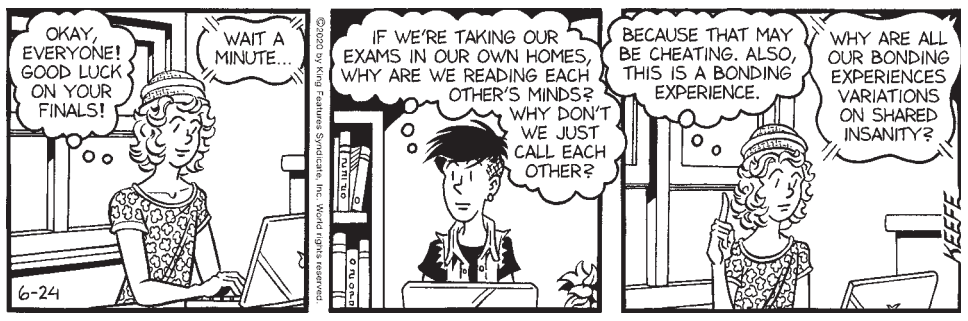
OKAY, EVERYONE! GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINALS!
WAIT A MINUTE...
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IF WE'RE TAKING OUR EXAMS IN OUR OWN HOMES, WHY ARE WE READING EACH OTHER'S MINDS? WHY DON'T WE JUST CALL EACH OTHER?
BECAUSE THAT MAY BE CHEATING. ALSO, THIS IS A BONDING EXPERIENCE.
WHY ARE ALL OUR BONDING EXPERIENCES VARIATIONS ON SHARED INSANITY?
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PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 24

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7) (13) (41) (57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs	Housewife	Modern Family	Modern Family	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N)	
CBS (2) (3) (22)	Ent. Tonight	Game On! (N) CC		SEAL Team (Part 1 of 2) CC (DVS)		S.W.A.T. "Vice" CC	
NBC (5) (8) (16)	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med "Pain Is for the Living"		Chicago Fire "Best Friend Magic"		Chicago P.D. "No Regrets"	
FOX (17) (222) (28) (32)	Modern Family	MasterChef "The Blind Chicken Show"		Ultimate Tag (N) CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Great Lakes	Spy in the Wild: A Nature Miniseries		NOVA Fossils offer clues about early life.		Prehistoric Road Trip Cretaceous period.	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	The 100 A planet is not what it seems.		Bulletproof A search for a missing girl. (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Pain Killer" CC (DVS)		Dateline "The Last Dance" CC		Dateline "Deadly Exchange" CC	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	The 100 A planet is not what it seems.		Bulletproof A search for a missing girl. (N)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Better Days" CC (DVS)		Highway to Heaven "Hello and Farewell"		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Blood Lust" CC		The First 48 "Murder on Maiden Lane"		The First 48 "A Man's Game" CC	
AMC	4:30 Gladiator	★★ The Day After Tomorrow ('04, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm. CC					Day-To-morrow
Animal	North-	North Woods Law		North Wo. Law		North Woods Law	
BET	Why Did I Get Married Too?			T. Perry's The Oval		American Soul (N)	
Big Ten	Wiscon	Big Ten Elite CC		Wisconsin		Wisconsin	
Bravo	Housewives	Real Housewives/ Beverly		Real Housewives/ Beverly		Watch What	Cash Cab (N) CC
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	The Last Kiss ('06)	★★★ Rise of the Planet of the Apes ('11) James Franco.			:45 ★★ Project X ('12, Comedy) Thomas Mann. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Spec.	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Expedition	Expedition Unknown: Uncovered (N) CC		Expedition Unknown (N) CC		:14 Mysteries of the Deep CC	
Disney	Big City	Big City	Amphibia	Owl Hse.	Gabby	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Holmes	Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes		Holmes & Holmes	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	ESPN	The Undefeated		ESPN Original Documentaries			ESPN
ESPN2	:00 Extreme Games Recap				Hawk	World of X Games	
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tigers	Detroit Tigers Classics From Sept. 24, 2006.					
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Despicable Me 2 ('13) Voices of Steve Carell.			★★★ Puss in Boots ('11) Voices of Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek. CC			
FX	Pacific Rim	★★ Transformers: The Last Knight ('17) Mark Wahlberg. The war between Transformers and humans threatens Earth. CC					
Golf	PGA	Golf's Greatest Rounds (N) CC					
Hallmark	Sweetest Heart	The Last Bridesmaid ('19, Romance) Rachel Boston, Paul Campbell. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	5:55 Ad Astra	Perry Mason "Chapter One" CC		★★★ Crash ('04, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle. (P). CC			
History	Forged	Forged in Fire: Beat		Forged in Fire: Beat		:03 Counting Cars	
HGTV	Property	Hot Mess	Hot Mess	Property Brothers (N)		Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life "Angela's Story"				1000-Lb. Sisters	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight (N) CC		:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	The Challenge (N) CC			Double Shot at Love		Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Blackhawks Classics (N)				White Sox Classic	
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football CC					
Nick	Sponge.	Dylan	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Tuna	Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna		Wicked Tuna	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Deadly Valentine" A couple's day turns deadly. CC				Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Haunting"	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ Catch Me if You Can ('02) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC					
Showtime	Ode to Joy ('19)	The Affair "110" CC		The Chi "Foe 'Nem" CC		★★★ Boogie Nights ('97) CC	
Starz	:11 ★★ The Wood ('99) Omar Epps, Taye Diggs. CC			★ The Intruder ('19) Michael Ealy, Meagan Good. CC			Whole 9 Yards
STZENC	:08 ★★★ Friends With Benefits ('11) Justin Timberlake.			★ The Sweetest Thing ('02) Cameron Diaz. CC			Night-Museum
SyFy	6:34 ★ Law Abiding Citizen ('09) Jamie Foxx. CC			★★ The Mummy Returns ('01) Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz. CC (DVS)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	★★ Cattle King	★★★ Beach Party ('63, Comedy) Bob Cummings. CC			:45 ★ It's a Bikini World ('67) Deborah Walley.		
TMC	I Feel Pretty	★★★ While You Were Sleeping ('95) Sandra Bullock.			:45 ★★★ Under the Tuscan Sun ('03) Diane Lane. CC		
TNT	2 Fast	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				★ Rush Hour ('98)	
Travel	Bigfoot	Expedition Bigfoot (N) CC				Bigfoot is Real (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With

The only way for definitive diagnosis is biopsy

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm 30 years old, and I have a lump in my breast, which imaging tests suggest is a fibroadenoma. I'm getting married in six months, and I am leaning toward having a biopsy so I won't worry during my wedding and honeymoon. With the COVID-19 pandemic, is it selfish of me to have the biopsy right now?

DEAR READER: It's understandable that, even with reassuring results from a mammogram and an ultrasound, you want a definitive diagnosis. As you mentioned in your letter, the only way to achieve that is with a biopsy. However, due to the pandemic, many hospitals have been forced to shift their attention and resources to dealing with COVID-19 patients, and some have put elective surgeries and routine medical care on hold. This means that decisions that in normal times would have been fairly straightforward have now become complex issues.

Let's start with what we do know. Your radiologist has reported that the imaging tests you've undergone suggest the mass in your breast is a fibroadenoma, which is a benign tumor. It's made up of both connective and glandular tissue, and it typically feels hard and smooth to the touch. Fibroadenomas are the most common type of noncancerous growth in young women between the ages of 15 and 35. Some are so small that they can only be seen in a scan, while larger ones are discovered through touch, as during a monthly breast self-exam. No matter the size, in most cases fibroadenomas don't play a role in risk for breast cancer.

The good news is that imaging techniques are quite good at differentiating between benign masses, such as fibroadenomas and cysts, and those that are malignant. When a benign growth is discovered via imaging, it is often recommended that a follow-up scan be performed within six months. If the results of the subsequent imaging tests raise a red flag, then the next step is a biopsy. This is a surgical procedure in which a small sample is removed from the suspicious tissue and sent to a pathology lab to be looked at under a microscope. It's only when the tissue is examined at the cellular level that a pathologist can state conclusively if the mass is benign or malignant.

A woman's age adds another layer to the decision-making process here. When a woman is in her teens and 20s, benign causes for a breast mass are considered to be more likely. But that changes for women in their 30s, particularly now, as we are seeing more young women diagnosed with breast cancer. In your case, it would be wise to seek guidance from both the radiologist who performed and interpreted your scans and your family doctor. This type of biopsy is usually an outpatient procedure that can be performed in a surgical center rather than in a hospital operating room. Wherever you go, check that you are comfortable with the safety protocols that are in place. If your particular region is not hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, and if your medical team agrees that a biopsy is a better choice for you than watchful waiting, there's nothing selfish about moving forward.

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How to handle noisy new neighbors

Carolyn Hax

DEAR MS. HAX: Six months ago, reduced circumstances led me to move to a neighborhood with very small yards. Each house is roughly 15 feet away from the next, and the backyards are tiny. For this reason, I'm very careful that my children and I are never loud enough to disturb our neighbors.

New people moved here a few months ago. They seem nice, but regularly play music loud enough to hear clearly through closed windows. They've mentioned having outdoor speakers for their music, and asked me to tell them if their noise was ever too much.

But it's always too loud – and I don't want to seem like the mean old lady who would never have them use their equipment. Yet, why would anyone install outdoor speakers in a setting like ours, as we all live so near to each other?

They also had an outdoor gathering until 1 a.m., with the conversation becoming increasingly vulgar as the evening wore on, presumably due to drink. I could clearly hear everything and felt embarrassed for them, and hoped my kids were asleep.

Should I remain patient or say something, as they requested? Their noise doesn't last all day and isn't every single day. But it's very grating when it happens. I'm nearly a senior citizen and don't want to seem like a spoilsport, unfriendly or intolerant.

Am I overreacting? Perhaps it's the norm in such neighborhoods to accept hearing others enjoying their lives. – Careful

CAREFUL: That's not all bad, is it? To hear neighbors "enjoying their lives"?

I realize some people are going to hate-read everything past this point, but: Music is joyous noise. Even music you wouldn't have chosen yourself, up too loud, coming from your neighbor's yard.

This isn't everyone's view, obviously, and it's a nearly impossible one to hold if the music is offensive, bad, constant, distracting or in open defiance of a polite request to turn it down.

But by your description that's not what you have here – so maybe use their courtesies as opportunities to think less music-stoppage and more affirmation of life.

MOST OF THIS IS PRAGMATIC RESIGNATION: You have a drastically better shot at changing your own mind than you theirs.

Part is not even about their noise, but about your silence. Of course we should all be mindful of our neighbors, but excessive courtesy can become self-erasure.

I may be wrong, but I also sense a class issue. You mention your "reduced circumstances" brought you there, and question outdoor speakers in "such neighborhoods"?

Local noise ordinances exist to sort out some of this gray area, for good reason; proximity can breed contempt. But so can the opinion that enjoying music outdoors is only for those who can afford a big enough yard.

You have children, a new neighborhood and friendly but noisy new neighbors. Maybe the only sensible answer for this combination and your temperament is to trust they were sincere and ask them to turn down the volume. You have every right to do that.

But I hope you will at least try on the idea first of freer-spirited living. Can their joy be even a wee bit contagious?

Such good-faith good sportsmanship can foster goodwill, which can really help at 11 p.m. when it's time to say, "Enough."

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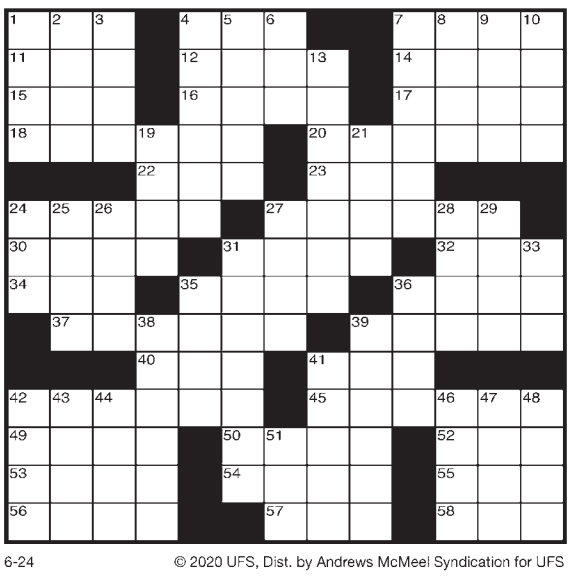

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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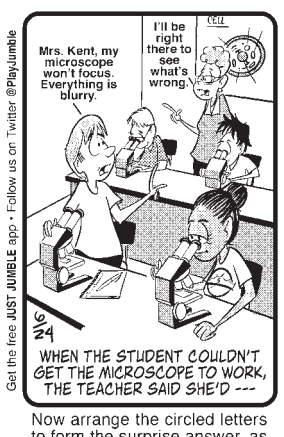
Mrs. Kent, my microscope won't focus. Everything is blurry.
I'll be right there to see what's wrong.
WHEN THE STUDENT COULDN'T GET THE MICROSCOPE TO WORK, THE TEACHER SAID SHE'D ---

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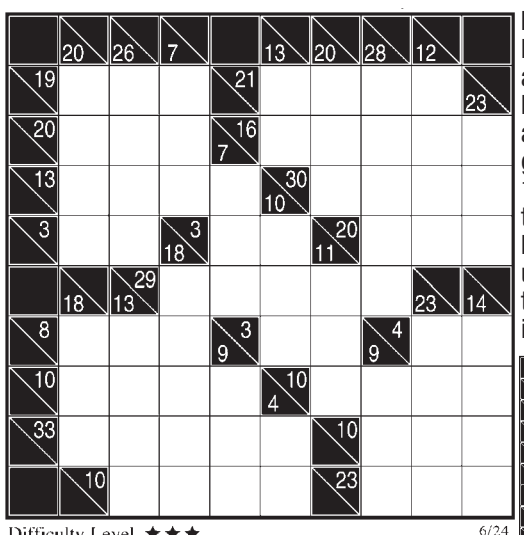
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

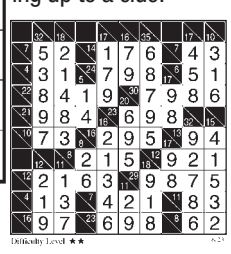
Yesterday's Jumbles: OFTEN GRIND SOCCER MUTINY
Answer: She bought the new wristwatch, and then it was — TIME TO GO

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/24



BRIDGE

Rudyard Kipling said, "A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty."

In this deal, depending upon South's play, East will need feminine intuition or masculine self-assurance. What happens in four spades after West leads the heart queen?

In the second seat, after the dealer has passed, a pre-emptive opener used to require two of the top three or three of the top five honors in his suit because partner rated to have a decent hand. No longer.

Against a weak two or weak three, with a one-suiter, assume partner has 6 or 7 points and bid what you hope you can make – hence South's four-spade overcall in this deal. (A takeout double shows at least two places – four-card suits – to play.)

How does East read his partner's lead? As either a singleton queen or from queen-jack doubleton. But how does he know which it is?

That depends on South. If he plays his heart jack, East will know the queen is a singleton and will give his partner a ruff at trick two. Then the defenders can cash two club tricks to defeat the contract.

But if South smoothly plays his king, the card he is known to hold, East will not be sure. Looking at that dummy, he might well shift to his singleton diamond. That will be all the help that declarer needs. He draws two rounds of trumps, unblocks his remaining diamond honors, enters dummy with a trump and cashes the diamond jack. He wins 10 tricks from six spades and four diamonds.

North 06-24-20
♠ K 6 3
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ J 10 5 4
♣ Q 10

West
♠ 5 2
♥ Q
♦ 9 7 6 3 2
♣ A J 6 5 3

East
♠ 7 4
♥ A 10 9 6 4 3
♦ 8
♣ K 9 8 2

South
♠ A Q J 10 9 8
♥ K J
♦ A K Q
♣ 7 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		Pass	2♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

	4			1	8			
		3		7	6	8		4
8	7			3			2	
	2			9				8
		1	6	2	3	5		
6				4			3	
	6			8			1	2
4		2	7	5		3		
			1	6			7	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

3	5	4	2	9	7	6	8	1
9	1	2	6	5	8	3	7	4
6	7	8	3	1	4	9	5	2
4	8	1	7	2	9	5	3	6
2	3	9	5	4	6	8	1	7
7	6	5	8	3	1	4	2	9
1	4	3	9	8	2	7	6	5
8	2	6	4	7	5	1	9	3
5	9	7	1	6	3	2	4	8

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PUBLIC NOTICE
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BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the AUGUST 4, 2020

Primary Election will be conducted on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Joseph City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI.
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate the voted ballots for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 in the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan.
All interested parties are invited to attend.
DENISE WESTFALL
CITY CLERK
CITY OF ST. JOSEPH

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
TRIAL COURT - FAMILY DIVISION

PUBLICATION OF HEARING (NOTICE TO PUTATIVE FATHER)

CASE NO. 2018-0088-NA-R

Courthouse, 811 Port

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

Stop wrestling with the past and start pursuing meaningful goals that will get you moving in a positive direction. Push to unleash your creative imagination and to turn your ideas into worthwhile projects. Believe in your ability to make a difference, and you will. Kindness will lead to rewards.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Embrace life, and don't be afraid to try something new. A different approach to an old idea will help you get things up and running. Use your charm to win support.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Make a difference by offering to help those who cannot help themselves. Building a system that can improve community services or the way your family runs will pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't take a risk when it comes to your health and your family's well-being. Greater involvement in finding solutions and making a difference will lead to a safer future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your heart is in the right place. A kind gesture you make will speak volumes about the type of person you are. Follow your heart, make a difference and please everyone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Venture out and visit new places. It will clear your head and help you decide what you want to do next.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Check your family history, and you'll discover something that will give you clarity regarding your likes and dislikes. Love is on the rise, and romance will lead to a commitment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Say what's on your mind and find out who will pitch in and help you. Don't let a change at home cause problems for others. Work with everyone and keep the peace.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Partnerships will take an emotional turn. Prepare to do something to defuse an explosive situation. Discipline will be required when dealing with unruly or indulgent individuals.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Unique people and situations will attract you. Talks will spark your imagination and give you a springboard to launch some of your ideas. Broaden your scope.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be itching to get out and mingle, but before you give in to temptation, consider the ramifications. Time alone with a loved one will turn out to be quite romantic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Making a move for the wrong reasons won't help. Check your motives and consider if you are letting your emotions replace common sense. When in doubt, sit tight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make adjustments at home that will give you more leisure time to spend with loved ones. Refuse to let anyone talk you into taking on a responsibility that doesn't belong to you.

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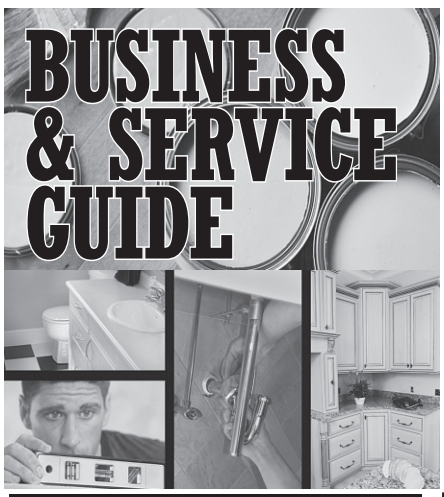

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IN THE MATTER OF: CHRISTAN WALKER (04/20/16)

TAKE NOTICE:

A petition seeking termination of parental rights has been filed regarding the following minor(s):

Christan Walker was born on April 20, 2016 at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

The mother of the minor is Tiesha Maria Ann Moore. If you are or may be the natural father , you should appear at Berrien County Courthouse 811 Port Street St. Joseph, MI 49085, Courtroom 403 on Thursday, July 15, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. to state any interest you may have in the minor(s).

Failure to appear at this hearing is denial of interest in the minor(s), waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, and a waiver of a right to appointment of an attorney. Failure to appear at this hearing **COULD RESULT IN PERMANENT TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.**

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LEGALS

LAKE CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR AUGUST 4, 2020 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

The Lake Charter Township Clerk will hold a public accuracy test of the electronic tabulating equipment to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals

The accuracy test will be held on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 4:45 p.m., at the Lake Charter Township Hall, 3220 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, Michigan.

Gloria A. Payne, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARINGS
COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

The Township Boards of Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township will hold joint Public Hearings at 10:00 a.m. on June 27, 2020, by convening the Township Boards through remote electronic access as provided in this Notice, pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Michigan Executive Order 2020-75 (COVID-19), and any subsequent amendment, extension, or order, to review the Lake Improvements, including any clarifications and refinements, and the Special Assessment Rolls in the above Special Assessment Districts in the annual amount of $196,500.00 in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township combined.
The public may participate in the Public Hearing electronically through Zoom, including public comment, by online video conferencing or telephone. You may download the Zoom app (supported on a range of devices) at this link: https://zoom.us/support/download. On a computer or laptop you may also join the Public Hearing through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. General information on signing in and joining a Zoom meeting is at this link: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting. Please test your access to the Public Hearing software prior to the Public Hearing.
To join the Public Hearing by online video conferencing, use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81124589197. If requested, the Zoom Meeting ID is: 811 2458 9197. There is no password required.
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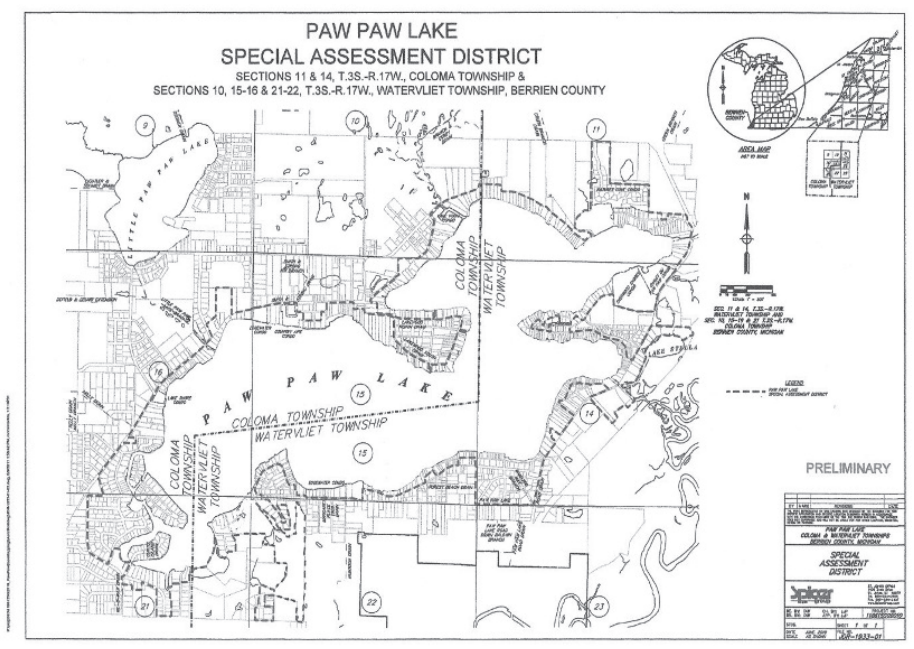
If you are unable to access the Public Hearing electronically due to technical difficulties, please call the Coloma Charter Township Clerk at (269) 468-7212, or the Watervliet Charter Township Clerk at (269) 463-5113, prior to the Public Hearing. Every effort will be made to help you participate.
Questions and comments may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing by email or phone to the Coloma Charter Township Clerk at skraemer@colomatownship.org or (269) 468-7212, or the Watervliet Charter Township Clerk at pbambrick@comcast.net or (269) 463-5113. All questions and comments received prior to the Public Hearing will be distributed to the Township Boards.

Lake Improvements: The Lake Improvements, including any clarifications and refinements, are described in the Paw Paw Lake Improvement Plan prepared by Spicer Group, Inc. and GEI Consultants of Michigan, Inc. The Lake Improvements include measures designed to: reduce percent cover of invasive and nuisance species; reduce total phosphorus in the water column; reduce algal blooms; decrease nutrient inputs into the lake; increase percent cover and diversity of native vegetation; and document and assess existing resources and fish and wildlife habitat, along with recreational and aesthetic values associated with the lake to identify areas of potential improvement, enhancement or restoration.

Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1 and Watervliet Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1: The Special Assessment Districts include all buildable parcels in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township that have direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake, or that have indirect access via deeded or dedicated lake access or canal access to Paw Paw Lake, or that have access via boat piers or boat slips along Paw Paw Lake. See map below.



The Paw Paw Lake Improvement Plan describing the Lake Improvements and the most recent Special Assessment Rolls will be on file with the Coloma Charter Township Clerk, Sandra Kraemer, 4919 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, MI 49038, and with the Watervliet Charter Township Clerk, Patricia Bambrick, 4959 M-140, PO Box 384, Watervliet, MI 49098, for public examination during any time those offices are open to the public. Those documents may also be viewed and downloaded at the following website: http://www.pawpawlakerestoration.com/ Links to that website may also be found on each Township's website at: http://www.watervliettownship.org/ and http://www.colomatownship.org/
The Special Assessment Rolls assess the cost of the Lake Improvements to the properties in the Special Assessment Districts as follows: (a) For each developed or buildable waterfront parcel with direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake or direct channel access via channel frontage to Paw Paw Lake, and each condominium or residence unit in waterfront condominium complexes and funneling properties, $212.86 per year; (b) For each developed or buildable parcel that has shared access through a park or unbuildable property to Paw Paw Lake or indirect access via frontage along Lake Stella, $21.29 per year; and (c) For each marina on Paw Paw Lake, $212.86 per year for the first eight (8) slips or less, and an additional $212.86 per year for each additional eight (8) slips or less.
After the Public Hearing, the Township Boards will adopt a Resolution to either: (1) continue the Lake Improvements; (2) continue the Lake Improvements with specified changes; or (3) discontinue the

Lake Improvements; or (4) discontinue the entire project. If periodic redeterminations of cost of the Lake Improvements and the amount of the annual Special Assessments are necessary without a change in the Special Assessment Districts, such redeterminations may be made without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the property.
To the extent that any appeal may be provided by law, the owner or any person having an interest in property within the Special Assessment Districts may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after adoption of the Resolution as described above. However, appearance and protest at the Public Hearing are required to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party in interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the Public Hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the Public Hearing.
The Township Boards shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the Public Hearing. If the Public Hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the township clerk by writing or calling the clerk not less than four (4) days before the Public Hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARDS

Sandra Kraemer, Clerk
Coloma Charter Township
4919 Paw Paw Lake Road
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-7212

(Publish June__, 2020 and June __, 2020)

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LETTERS

Times of crisis are also times of opportunity

Editor,

These are turbulent times in our nation. A spotlight has been shone on the pervasive presence of racial inequities in many areas of society. In the midst of crisis, there are opportunities for important substantive change.

The Race Relations Council of Southwest Michigan, formed in 1998 by a multiracial group of area residents, is committed to the elimination of racial inequities in education, criminal justice, employment, housing and health care. At the council's most recent monthly meeting, conducted online because of the pandemic, we focused on two immediate areas of concern – education and criminal justice.

Council members heard from Dr. Andrae Townsel, the new superintendent of Benton Harbor Area Schools. Dr. Townsel is a dynamic educator with a great deal of experience working in troubled school districts. He is realistic about the challenges facing the Benton Harbor schools, but also enthusiastic about the potential for positive change. He is determined to put in place people, policies, and procedures that will allow the district to reach its fullest potential. Dr. Townsel emphasizes the importance of building a culture of positive achievement for students and the necessity to form positive alliances between administrators, teachers and parents.

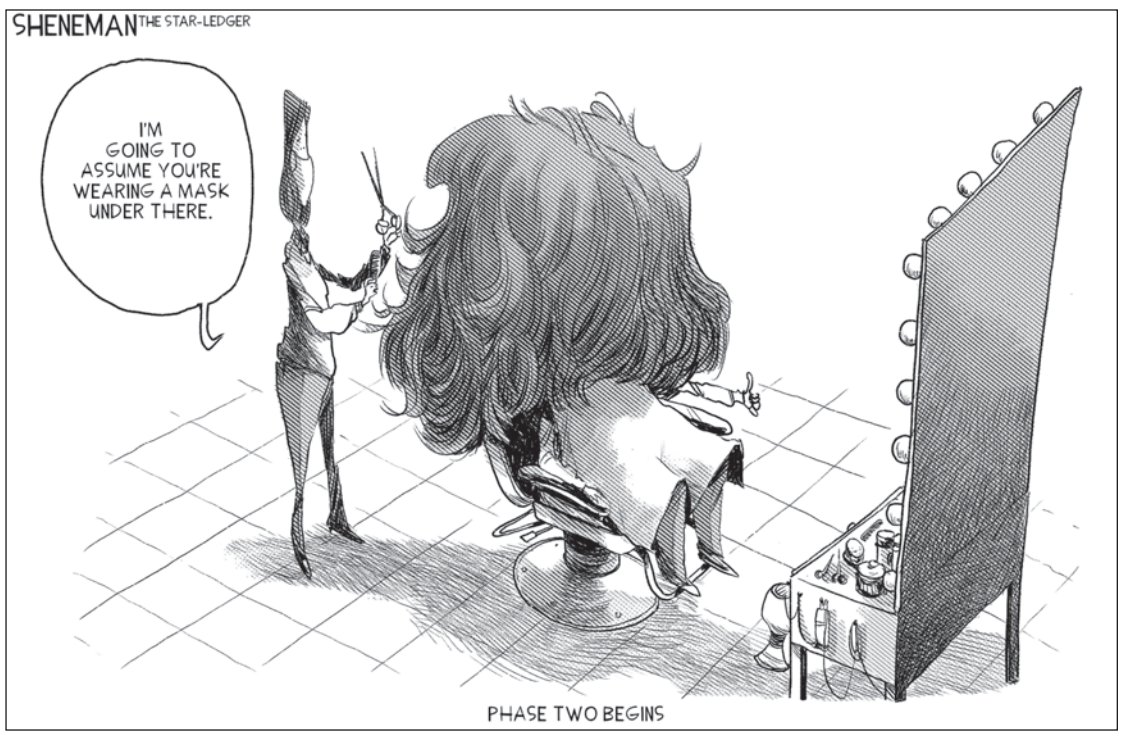
Council members were impressed by his knowledgeable and energetic presentation and expressed our strong commitment to supporting him in achieving his objectives. We urge the Southwest Michigan community to rally around Dr. Townsel and the teachers, students and parents of the Benton Harbor Area Schools. We have an opportunity to address the inequities between schools in Benton Harbor and those in the surrounding communities. We must make sure that all our children receive the quality education they deserve.

In addition to addressing inequities in education, the Race Relations Council is strongly committed to addressing glaring inequities in the criminal justice system. Recent national events have shone a disturbing spotlight on the actions of police and prosecutors. Particular attention has been generated by the brutal slayings of three African-American men – Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd and Rayshard Brooks, and one African-American woman – Breonna Taylor. Three of these slayings were committed by police officers and one was committed by vigilantes who decided to make a "citizen's arrest" of a black man who was simply out for a run. Videotapes of these slayings are horrifying and enraging.

Thousands of individuals, black and white, young and old, have taken to the streets in protest in many parts of the country. In our local area there have been several large, peaceful marches, one of which included more than 1,000 participants. Protesters are determined to bring about changes to a system that is clearly not working. Going forward, protests need to lead to specific changes to the structure of policing and to our justice system in general. The Race Relations Council is strongly committed to doing all we can to bring about these changes. We encourage all residents of Southwest Michigan to join us in our efforts.

Racial inequity and oppression have gone on much too long. The time for real and lasting change is now.

Dr. Larry Feldman
Board Chair,
Race Relations Council
Lakeside
Dr. Gladys Peeples-Burks
Scholarship Committee Chair,
Race Relations Council
Stevensville



COVID-19 is nothing to take lightly

Editor,

It was mid-December 1980 and I was a college student living in Pittsburgh, Pa. It was finals week and I awoke on Wednesday morning feeling extremely ill. I took myself to the emergency department at the local hospital and was diagnosed with Type A(H3N2) flu. The E.R. doctors advised me to go back to my apartment, rest, and stay away from people. There was nothing that they could do for me.

I missed two of my final exams as I was so sick, I could barely pick up a pencil. I actually felt like the very life was being sucked out of me – and I was young!

That harrowing experience which lasted about 10 days remains imprinted in my memory, making me believe that the current COVID-19 crisis is indeed a real threat and definitely one not to be taken lightly.

Had I not suffered through that horrific time I would probably have a cavalier attitude toward the coronavirus as many people seem to have these days. However that is not the case for me. I follow the directives of the CDC to wear a mask, avoid crowds and keep my hands washed, because this time, unlike in 1980, I may not be so lucky to have escaped with my life as 52,000 Americans lost theirs in 13 weeks.

Susan Balco
Benton Harbor

DACA recipients need permanent protection

Editor,

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is a program that provides temporary protection from deportation for individuals who were brought to the United States as children ("Dreamers"). The program, which was established by an executive memorandum from President Obama, is extremely popular. Multiple polls have consistently demonstrated overwhelming public support (70 to 80 percent) for maintaining DACA.

Donald Trump wants to end the DACA program. In 2017 his administration announced that it was repealing the program and that DACA recipients should "use the time remaining on their work authorizations to prepare for and arrange their departure from the United States." Lawsuits were immediately filed against Trump's repeal order and the dispute ended up in the Supreme Court. On June 18, the court ruled against the Trump administration, saying it had failed to provide a "reasoned explanation" for its action, as required by the Administrative Procedure Act. Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the majority opinion.

Trump and some conservative members of Congress have criticized Chief Justice Roberts for voting with the "liberal" SCOTUS justices to allow the DACA program to remain intact. These folks need to be reminded that a large majority of Americans want this program to be continued.

A similarly large majority wants the Congress to pass legislation to provide DACA recipients with permanent protection from deportation and a pathway to citizenship. Multiple bills to do just that have been introduced, but the Republican-controlled Senate has refused to pass any of these bills.

The only way to provide permanent protection for the hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients is to elect a Democratic Senate and a Democratic president. Please keep this in mind when you cast your vote in this year's election.

Ed Shaffer
Galien

Township deserves better service

Editor,

In January 2020 I resigned as Pokagon Township clerk after five-and-a-half years.

During my last year as clerk, it became clear to me that my interest in township business was really in serving as treasurer.

I am running for Pokagon Township treasurer in Cass County.

Change is good! Local government offices sometimes needs new faces, new ideas and fresh approaches to serving the residents.

I will provide push-back to issues and spending that I don't agree with. An elected official that says "yes" to everything is not serving the public well.

I will earn the paycheck. I am a Realtor, with very flexible hours and can commit to the office of treasurer for Pokagon Township with whatever is necessary to improve: hours of business to serve the residents, more hours of convenience for tax collection, more payment options to residents (per availability), faster responses to phone calls and emails regarding property tax information and services to residents, title companies and any others. I will provide more office hours to the residents, utilizing a newly built office. The current treasurer offers 1.5 hours per week in the office to service residents, with a salary of $17,755.

I want to create an atmosphere of courteous service and convenient hours.

I have an associate's degree in accounting from Southwestern Michigan College and a bachelor's degree from Bethel University in organizational management.

I have ideas, I am motivated and I hope Pokagon Township residents are ready to embrace change and can see the value in improvements. Even in a small township, everything matters.

If you see a problem, fix it.

Renee Meiser
Dowagiac

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Pitchford is best candidate for the 79th

Editor,

Chokwe Pitchford is a young man who cares deeply about the people of Southwest Michigan. He has channeled his commitment into a strong campaign to become state representative for the 79th District.

Chokwe believes skyrocketing health care costs are a major threat to community well-being. He is concerned about the exorbitant cost of prescription drugs and supports giving Medicare the right to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies. He supports protecting those with pre-existing conditions from being denied health insurance, or losing coverage if they lose their job. Protection for those with pre-existing conditions is a central benefit of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Chokwe Pitchford is a supporter of the ACA, and an opponent of the Republican effort to overturn it.

Public education is a central part of Chokwe's platform. He believes all students are entitled to high quality education and is committed to excellence in teaching, plus increasing the pay of teachers and support staff. He's also committed to bringing education professionals to the table whenever decisions are being made.

Chokwe believes good-paying jobs are essential for the health of Southwest Michigan. He supports gradually increasing the minimum wage to $15 an hour, developing more career and technical education programs, and increasing the ability of unions to bargain for a living wage.

Criminal justice system reform is on Chokwe's list of needed changes. He supports improvements to how police officers are recruited, trained and evaluated. He believes the cash bail system is discriminatory, and urges its abolishment. Chokwe advocates for the elimination of implicit and explicit bias in the criminal justice system, and believes the goal of our prison system should be rehabilitation.

Chokwe Pitchford is a compelling candidate for state representative in the 79th district. I will definitely be voting for him on Nov. 3.

Gretta Van Bree
Lincoln Township

ANOTHER OPINION

Supreme Court rules, and DACA survives for now

A few pages into a consequential U.S. Supreme Court ruling Thursday on immigration policy, Chief Justice John Roberts, writing for the majority, quotes two of his predecessors on the matter of cutting corners.

"Justice Holmes famously wrote that '(m)en must turn square corners when they deal with the Government.' … But it is also true, particularly when so much is at stake, that 'the Government should turn square corners in dealing with the people.'"

Thursday's ruling found that the Trump administration's Department of Homeland Security took shortcuts around the right angles of administrative law when it decided in 2017 to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, an Obama-era policy that, under specified conditions, delays the potential deportation of people who were brought into the country illegally as children and allows them to work and receive federal benefits. Thus, DACA survives on a technicality. ...

The country has now engaged in two decades of "policy, religious and moral debates about the legal status of millions of young immigrants," wrote Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Yet through all this, Congress has failed to act.

Those covered by the DACA policy fill essential roles in the workforce. They pay taxes. It's time for the legislative branch to turn a corner and give them the certainty they deserve.

– Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Forgiveness could go a long way

His ancestry was one of royalty reduced to slavery. Hundreds of years of slavery followed by some years of freedom and prosperity. Then another period of slavery. It seemed that his family was doomed to never be truly free. Even at the time of his birth, they were only semi free.

The only saving grace during this time was the fact that they were not the lowest class of people on the totem pole of society. His family could say, "We have kept our bloodline pure. Son, you can be proud of your heritage."

Billy Long
Opinion Maker

This young man grew up in a home with two parents. His father ran a successful business. His mother was a stay-at-home mom. His interactions with his siblings were normal. On the surface it seemed that he was a male with all the advantages. His biography does not give many details of his childhood, but we learn a lot about his adult life.

It started at a party that was poorly organized. It is unclear if the host did not plan properly to provide enough supplies or if people crashed the party and drank too much. For some reason the responsibility for that problem was placed on his shoulders. Even though he came through in the pinch and saved the day, he really did not get the credit he deserved.

He decided at about the age of 30 to make a career change. He gave up the security of following in his father's business to start his own. The problem in doing so was the clientele he chose to serve. He surrounded himself with those that members of his own class thought were beneath them. He was viewed by his class of people to be a traitor to his own. No one who had a high opinion of themselves would stoop to going into the neighborhood of such low-class people.

The disdain became great. Though he had a core group of people who followed him, he could not overcome the bias shown by those of his own class. How could he overcome this problem? He tried to explain his own history but it did not seem to matter.

There would be days when he was applauded and told how great his sacrifice to help others meant to them. Then if public pressure became too great, his closest friends would deny they even knew him.

But things seemed to change. After one particular brilliant day, people started to buy into his ideas. His business plan seemed to finally take hold. In fact he was proclaimed the business man of the year. They held a parade in his honor. He was given the keys to the city. He was told that if he ran for office he would win in a landslide. Finally success.

But the news that came out of that parade was not favorable. They portrayed him as someone who thought he was better than others. He was painted as one who wanted to rule. It was even rumored that he thought he could rule the world if only people would recognize his genius.

Public perception changed very quickly. He went from being a hero to being a zero. The cheers became jeers. The praise became criticism. The honor became accusations. He was a murderer, a thief, a divider of people. He deserved to die.

A kangaroo court was quickly convened. Perjury was suborned. Even though there was no empirical evidence of wrongdoing he was sentenced to die.

What was his response to this injustice? With his last few breaths, he looked at the screaming crowd that was howling for his death and did the most amazing thing. This thing changed the world. It catapulted him to worldwide fame. This action alone changed the world without one disorderly gathering on his behalf. What was this action?

He simply said, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

If we could all look at those who have trespassed against us and do what this man did, we could solve this racial and class warfare overnight.

Sadly most will not.

Billy P. Long of Benton Harbor has resided in the area since 1972. He is pastor of the Apostolic Tabernacle in Benton Township.

Scottish grandmother climbs a mountain, one step at a time

By DANICA KIRKA
Associated Press

LONDON — In the end, Margaret Payne scaled her mountain, one step at a time.

The 90-year-old grandmother who launched an epic climb to raise money for charity completed her fundraiser Tuesday. Payme scaled the stairs at her home the equivalent of 2,398 feet – enough to reach the peak of Scotland's iconic Suilven mountain.

Payne, who is from Ardvar in the Scottish Highlands, calculated that climbing 282 flights of her staircase would get her to the top of a mountain she climbed only once, when she was 15.

"I just climbed a few stairs every day until I got to the top, 282 times," Payne told The Associated Press. The feat took her 73 days and kept her busy for 10 weeks while the U.K. sheltered in lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Payne took on the challenge after being inspired by military veteran Tom Moore, who completed 100 laps of his garden just before his 100th birthday to raise money for the National Health Service. The feat captivated the lockdown nation, and Moore ended up raising some $40 million.

Watching his feat on television, Payne's daughter, Nicky McArthur, told her mother, "Look at what Tom is doing. We should turn your stair climbing into something."

Suddenly, Payne's regular exercise routine on wet and windy Scottish days was transformed into her own fundraiser for the NHS in gratitude for the care for her husband, Jim, received before he died on Christmas Day last year. Three other charities, NHS Highlands, Highlands Hospice and RNL will also benefit.

Her desire to help struck a chord in a country where 42, 927 people with the coronavirus have died and the efforts of the NHS have been heralded as nothing short of heroic.

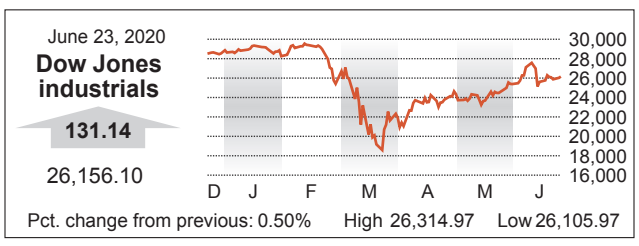
Payne has raised $521,000, much of which came in small donations from people who were struggling in the pandemic. Among her many fans are Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, who wrote Payne to praise her accomplishments.

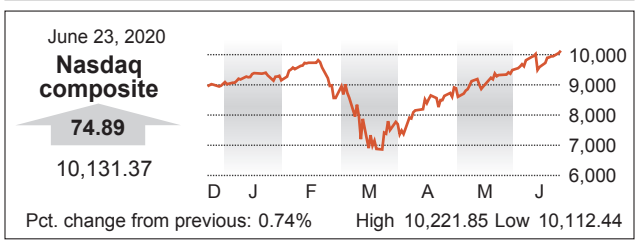
"There could hardly be a better example of this indomitable spirit than your own magnificent efforts in raising money for vital charities," Charles wrote. "It is people like yourself who show that, for every hardship there has been a hero – or, of course, a heroine."

Payne seemed properly pleased with completing her epic climb, in part because it helped her show herself what she could do, to move past her own personal grief and to help others. Her telephone keeps ringing sometimes with reporters, sometimes it is just people who want to cheer her on.

"I can't imagine myself ever doing anything like this again," Payne said. "But I think that it is important, as you get old, that you don't sit back and think 'I'm getting old, I can just relax.' If you want to keep going, you must keep active, and keep walking."

MARKETS





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Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	127.53	+1.75	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
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OBITUARIES

Richard Thomas Beaudette

Sept. 29, 1927 – June 19, 2020

Richard Thomas Beaudette, 92, of St. Joseph passed away peacefully on Friday, June 19, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

A private committal service has taken place at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Caring Circle Hospice, www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org/caring-circle/give-now/donate. Those wishing to leave an online condolence for the family may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Richard "Dick" was born Sept. 29, 1927, in Chicago, to Ellsworth J. and Geraldine (Fidlerova) Beaudette. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Dick worked for many years at City Plumbing as a heating and air conditioning technician and was a proud member of the Union – Local 357. Even after retirement, he still continued to work with his City Plumbing family.

On April 18, 1964, he was joined in marriage to Fern (Ray) Kirshenbaum in St. Joseph. For the past 32 years, you could find Dick most mornings at Thornton's Downtown Café in St. Joseph, where he enjoyed his social time with friends. He will be missed by many.

Dick and Fern were married for 56 years. Fern passed away the following day. He is survived by his children, Deborah (Jeffrey) Merrill, Nancy (Robert) Kim, Jeffrey (Jocelyn) Beaudette and Greg (Beth) Beaudette; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son, Michael Beaudette; his grandson, Jon Kim; his sister, Geraldine Beaudette Smith; and his parents.

Fern R. Beaudette

Aug. 29, 1940 – June 20, 2020

Fern R. Beaudette, 79, of St. Joseph passed away on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman.

A private committal service has taken place at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be made to Caring Circle-Hospice. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Fern was born on Aug. 29, 1940, to Hymie and Jeannette Kirschenbaum in Benton Harbor. She graduated from Benton Harbor High School. On April 18, 1964, Fern married the love of her life, Richard Beaudette, in St. Joseph. She owned and operated Hava Java Espresso in St. Joseph before her retirement.

Fern was always there to support her grandchildren in their sports and extracurricular activities.

Fern is survived by her sons, Gregg (Beth) Beaudette and Jeffrey (Joselyn) Beaudette; stepdaughters, Deborah (Jeffrey) Merrill and Nancy (Robert) Kim; and grandchildren, Blayne, Griffin, Brielle, Ian, Allie, Samantha and Jasmine Beaudette; and siblings, Ben Kirshenbaum and Diane Imbordino.

Fern was preceded in death by her parents, Hymie and Jeannette Kirschenbaum; husband, Richard of 56 years; son, Michael Beaudette; and sister, Anita Schwab.

Gene Earl Beene

Nov. 21, 1942 – June 17, 2020

Gene Earl Beene, AKA Gerald "Larome Powers" Robinson, formerly of Benton Harbor, made his transition to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in Dallas, at the age of 77.

Mr. Beene, a renowned R&B soul singer and musician, was born Nov. 21, 1942, in Mantachie, Miss. As a youngster, he and his family moved to the Benton Harbor area where he attended the Benton Harbor Area Schools and later graduated from Benton Harbor High School.

Gene Earl made his debut in the music industry during the early 1960s and 70s and continued to perform until his health declined. He sang in many nightclubs before landing his first recording contract with Malaco Records, having shared the stage with some of the most talented R&B artists around the world, including Sir Charles, Bennie Lattimore, Millie Jackson, and many others, including the late Denise LaSalle. Gene Earl was very proud of his music, including his gospel roots, and most of all, he truly loved what he did.

When in good health, not only did he spend lots of time in the recording studios and on the road, he still made time to to visit with his family and friends.

Mr. Beene was one of a kind; one who never met a stranger and was never lost for words. He had a smile and a glow and was a ray of sunshine that could light up the entire world. He will be remembered for his love of fashion, his eloquent voice and his romantic style of singing. He touched the hearts of many and will be surely missed by all.

Gene Earl is survived by a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, a brother, a sister, a granddaughter and a favorite uncle.

Visitation for Mr. Beene will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 26, at the Word of Truth Deliverance Ministries, 1209 Pipestone, Benton Harbor, with a Homegoing Celebration commencing at 11 a.m., with Bishop James R. Hightower officiating. Interment will be in Crystal Springs Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Divinity Funeral Home & Chapel, Inc., (231) 733-2777. Cards and condolences may be sent to the funeral home at 2812 Fifth St., Muskegon Heights, MI 4944.

Death notices

Gene Earl Beene, 77, formerly of Benton Harbor died June 17, 2020, in Dallas. Divinity Funeral Home & Chapel, Muskegon Heights, Mich., (231) 733-2777.

Norma Cooper, 85, of Coloma died June 21, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Florence Sweet, 92, of Niles died June 22, 2020, at home. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Carole Rita Bowman

July 8, 1942 – June 19, 2020

Carole Rita Bowman, 77, of Benton Harbor, passed away peacefully, with her loving husband and family by her side, on Friday, June 19, 2020, at The Willows in St. Joseph.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, June 26, at St Bernard's Catholic Church, 555 E. Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor, with Fr. James Adams officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Watervliet. Friends may visit with the family from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, June 25, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Liturgical Prayers recited at 7:45 p.m. Memorial donations in Carole's name may be made to Lake Michigan Catholic Schools or Caring Circle Hospice. Those wishing to sign Carole's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Carole was born July 8, 1942, in Watervliet, to John and Eva Culver. She grew up in Benton Harbor where she resided her entire life. She attended St John's Catholic School in Benton Harbor.

Carole worked as an office manager for Volkswagen in Benton Harbor. While working at Volkswagen, she met her future husband, Roland, who was a district parts manager for Volkswagen. On July 8, 1967, she married the love of her life, Roland Harvey Bowman Sr., at St John's Catholic Church. They enjoyed 52 years together.

In addition to working as an office manager for Volkswagen, she also operated her own cleaning service for many years that she was very proud of and had many satisfied customers. She was a lifelong and devout member of St John's Catholic Church. She was proud of all of her children and grandchildren's accomplishments. Carole had an infectious laugh and loved to tease and joke with her family and friends.

She loved rummage sales, polkas, cooking and crocheting. Most of all, she loved visiting with her family and friends. She never missed a family reunion, graduation, wedding or school event. Her grandchildren have fond memories of homemade shakes, "Abraham Lincoln's," yarn spider webbing on the doorknobs in the hallway at her house and curbside pickups from school with a cooler full of cold pop. Carole was an incredibly loving soul that touched the lives of so many family and friends, for which she will always be remembered.

Carole is survived by her husband of 52 years, Roland Harvey Bowman; her children: Audrey (Michael) Salesberry of St. Joseph, Roland (Lisa) Bowman of Bean Blossom, Ind., Nancy (Cliff) Miller of St. Joseph and Natalie (Jay) Lawless of Clinton Township, Mich.; eight grandchildren: Jacqueline (Chase) Wagner, Jennifer Schneck, Joseph (Kimberly) Schneck, Justin (Jamie) Schneck, Logan and Jacob Miller, Abigail Bowman and Hunter Lawless; three stepgrandchildren, Jonathon(Beth) Salesberry, Taylor (Jeramie) Spears and George Lawless; great-grandchildren, Joshua Dohm and Christian Wagner; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Mathew and Cadence Salesberry; her brother, John Culver of St. Joseph; three sisters, Mary Zielke of Benton Harbor, Judy Uphues of Stuart, Fla., and Ruth (Jerry) Still of Benton Township; and several nieces and nephews, including a niece that she considered an "unofficial adopted" daughter, Debbie Dibble.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Valerie Cole; and brother-in-law, Larry Zielke.

Norma Cooper

Jan. 17, 1935 – June 21, 2020

Norma Cooper, 85, of Coloma died Sunday, June 21, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Norma's life began Jan. 17, 1935, in Turtle Lake, N.D. She spent most of her lifetime in Southwest Michigan. Norma worked for Diet Center in St. Joseph until two years ago when she retired. In her down time Norma was an avid reader and a devout Christian. She was an active member of her church, Central Assembly of God in Coloma, where she volunteered in their food pantry. She enjoyed traveling and will be remembered for her great sense of humor.

Above everything, Norma enjoyed spending time with her loving family, which includes: three children, Susan Steakley, Becky (Harry) Steffen and Karen Slocum (Ian Heim); eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Zarate and Adeline Neilson; and many nieces and nephews.

Her loving husband, Lawrence "Ray" Cooper; parents, August and Barbara (Walcker) Lentz; and nine siblings precede Norma in death.

Norma's family will celebrate her life with a private graveside service at North Shore Memory Gardens. Norma's family is entrusting Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet with arrangements. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Norma's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Bagged grocery store salad sickens more than 100 in 7 states

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A recalled bagged salad distributed to a dozen Midwestern states by grocery stores has sickened 122 people in seven states and sent 19 to the hospital, the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday.

The salad distributed by Hy-Vee, Jewel-Osco and Aldi grocery stores is contaminated with cyclospora, a parasite that can cause diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, and fatigue.

The salad mix containing carrots, red cabbage, and iceberg lettuce is packaged as Hy-Vee Brand Garden Salads, Jewel-Osco Signature Farms Brand Garden Salads and ALDI Little Salad Bar Brand Garden Salads. All have been recalled and consumers are advised not to eat them.

The CDC said the highest number of illnesses is reported in Iowa with 54. Illinois has 30. Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and Wisconsin also have reported illnesses, which were first reported on May 11 and have been as recent as June 15.

The salads were sold in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

The CDC said it continues to investigate and is working to determine if other recent cases of cyclospora infection are linked to contaminated ingredients in these bagged salad mixes.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Thomas Seel, a 1972 Lakeshore High School graduate, has had a book published by Scarecrow Press, "A Theology of Music for Worship Derived from the Book of Revelation." According to Seel, church musicians and worship leaders have been frustrated for 2,000 years because the New Testament has so few specific guidelines regarding the use of music in worship. This book shows that the New Testament does have new, practical and specific things to say regarding music for worship in the contemporary church.

35 years ago – 1985

A ribbon-cutting at 2 p.m. Wednesday will mark the formal opening of a new branch of the Benton Harbor Post Office in the Orchards Mall. The branch, called the Blossomtime Lockbox Unit, is located just inside mall entrance 4 near the center court. The 1985 Miss Blossomtime, Diane Novacek of Union Pier, will officiate at the opening.

Benton Harbor Postmaster William Truehart said the branch has 176 post office boxes for rental and will provide limited service during specified weekday morning hours as needs develop.

50 years ago – 1970

About 75 persons attended a public hearing held by the New Buffalo City Council last night to oppose the rezoning of land in Sunset Shores to allow the construction of a $6 million condominium.

The 2-1/2 hour hearing was held on the request to rezone 30 acres of land at the west end of Sunset Shores in New Buffalo from single dwelling to multiple dwelling. Most of the opponents of the condominium were residents of Sunset Shores.

No decision was reached by the council on the rezoning last night.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, June 24, the 176th day of 2020. There are 190 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On June 24, 1497, the first recorded sighting of North America by a European took place as explorer John Cabot spotted land, probably in present-day Canada.

On this date:

In 1807, a grand jury in Richmond, Virginia, indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was later acquitted).

In 1940, France signed an armistice with Italy during World War II.

In 1947, what's regarded as the first modern UFO sighting took place as private pilot Kenneth Arnold, an Idaho businessman, reported seeing nine silvery objects flying in a "weaving formation" near Mount Rainier in Washington.

In 1948, Communist forces cut off all land and water routes between West Germany and West Berlin, prompting the western allies to organize the Berlin Airlift. The Republican National Convention, meeting in Philadelphia, nominated New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for president.

In 1957, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Roth v. United States, ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Chance T-storms	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms
74°	61°	77° / 67°	76° / 69°	77° / 71°	78° / 70°

Local Outlook

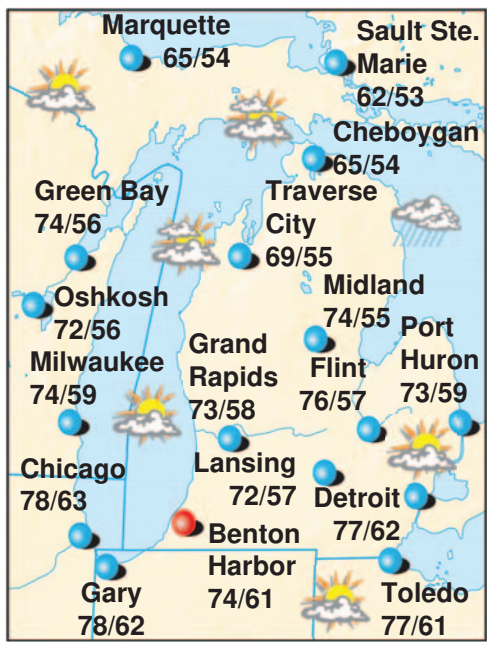
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 74°, humidity of 51%. West wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 61°. Southwest wind 2 to 7 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:10 a.m.
Sunset ..... 9:25 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 9:27 a.m.
Moonset ..... Tomorrow

First	Full	Last	New
6/28	7/5	7/12	7/20

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	73°
Low	61°
Normal High	82°
Normal Low	61°
Record High	93° in 2002
Record Low	51° in 2001

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.43"
Normal for month	2.92"
Year to date	20.39"
Normal Year to date	15.90"

Air Quality

Yesterday 40
Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 ... Unhealthy

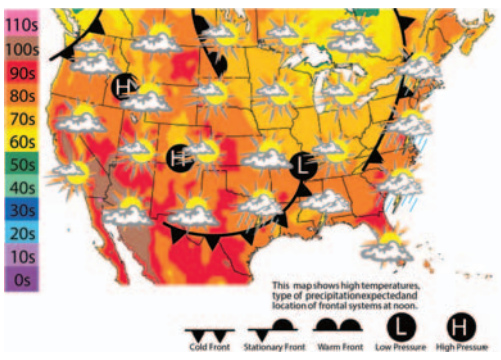
Weather Trivia

What was the deadliest tornado outbreak in the United States?

Answer: The outbreak that hit Missouri, Illinois and Indiana in 1925 claimed 747 lives.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for June 24, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, W wind 8 to 10 kt. A slight chance of showers. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 66 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds 5 kt or less. A slight chance of showers.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 60s. West northwest wind 14 to 17 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 70s. West southwest wind 6 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 70s. West wind 7 to 11 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 70s and 80s. West southwest wind 3 to 7 mph.

BUDGET

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"I would feel much better adding the half a million at the end of the year than having to reduce the budget to compensate for half a million dollars that we did not ever realize," he said.

In addition, Watson said the projection of how much money will be spent on utilities should not be based on this past winter, which was very mild. He added to the resolution that Johnson look at historical data on how much money was spent on utilities and to add 5 percent to that.

Johnson also presented a graph showing that the school district has reduced its negative fund balance every year for the past nine years – from more than $16 million in the red in the 2010-11 school year to just over $3 million on June 30. If the state delays cutting the foundation allowance until the 2020-21 school year, he said the numbers will look even better for the school district.

But due to COVID-19, he said the fund balance is projected to go a little more in the negative to a projected $3.7 million by June 30, 2021.

Trustees are holding another special meeting next Tuesday to look at the changes made by Johnson in the budget and to approve it. Information on how to join this virtual meeting can be found on the district's website at www.bhas.org.

By state law, school districts must approve their budgets by July 1, even though the state's fiscal year doesn't end until Sept. 30.

Hull School update

Trustees questioned why repairing the roof of Hull School on Territorial Road is in the budget if that school is being closed. Earlier in the month, Townsel said he wanted to close Hull and open Fairplain West at 1901 Fairplain Ave. because it's in a better building in a better neighborhood. But the building hasn't been used for several years and it is unknown how much it would cost to open it.

"Right now, everything is business as usual until we can get the official word back from the consultant on what it would cost ... to get Fairplain West up to code," he said.

Taylor said that moving the students from Hull to Fairplain West could be done in January if the building isn't ready in September.

Townsel's plan is to eventually have grades 1-5 at Fairplain West and Fairplain East at 1998 Union Ave. to cut down on the number of times students switch buildings.

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